House Resolution No. 1456

Whereas, Lena Schoonover commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-fifth Birthday on Friday, March 28, 2003; and

Whereas, on March 28, 1908, in Bekleman, Nebraska, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Lena, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived throughout the most exciting time in history, Lena Schoonover made her debut in 1908 along with such notable people as comedian Milton Berle, author Louis Dearborn L'Amour, and the thirty-sixth president of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson; and

Whereas, Lena Schoonover was born the same year that Ford produced its first model T, the Grand Canyon was established as a national monument, and the book, <u>The Wind in the Willows</u>, by Kenneth Grahame was published; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Lena Schoonover will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to George Schoonover (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Lena Schoonover with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children, Betty Henry, Robert Schoonover, Dean Schoonover, Shirley Mather, Janice Murry, Duane Schoonover (deceased), and George Schoonover, Jr. (deceased); and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 95, Lena Schoonover is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Lena Schoonover at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Lena Schoonover, as a measure of our esteem for her.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1456, adopted April 7, 2003.